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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
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CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE FIRST LADY PLANS PEKING VISIT

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IMELDA MARCOS, WIFE OF THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT,
IS PLANNING A "CULTURAL" VISIT TO CHINA IN MID-AUGUST.
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ACCORDING TO FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE COMPOSITION OF MRS. MARCOS'
PARTY HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY DECIDED, BUT THAT NO
SENIOR FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS WOULD ACCOMPANY HER.

MRS. MARCOS, WHO CONSIDERS HERSELF HER NATION'S
MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMAT, HAS LONG WANTED TO VISIT CHINA.
THE TIMING OF HER VISIT IS IN STEP WITH MANILA'S IN-

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CREASING INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PEKING.
PRESIDENT MARCOS BELIEVES THAT CHINA IS POTENTIALLY AN
IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER FOR THE PHILIPPINES, PARTICULARLY AS A SUPPLIER OF RICE AND OIL.

MARCOS RECENTLY ASSURED THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HOWEVER, THAT MANILA DOES NOT ANTICIPATE
FORMAL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PEKING ANYTIME SOON.
MANILA'S CONTROLLED PRESS WILL GIVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY
TO MRS. MARCOS' TRIP, BUT THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN MARCOS' "GO SLOW" POLICY
TOWARD OPENING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

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